

REMARKS

Original claim 1 and 3 and new claims 3 to 83 are pending in the above-identified application. Support in the specification for the new claims can be found, *inter alia*, at:

Support for new claims 3, 4, 6, 28-31, 42-44, 50-53, 65-69, 72, 73, and 79-83 is found at page 8 of the specification.

Support for new claims 5 and 61 is found at page 7 of the specification.

Support for new claims 10, 11, 16, and 17 is found at page 9 of the specification.

Support for new claims 12, 13, 18, 19, 22, 54-57, 74, and 75 is found at page 10 of the specification.

Support for new claims 7-9, 23, 33, 34, 39-41, 45-48, 58-60, 62-64, and 76-78 is found at page 11 of the specification.

Support for new claims 14, 15, 20, 21, and 35-38 is found at page 12 of the specification.

Support for new claims 24-27, 70, and 71 is found at page 13 of the specification.

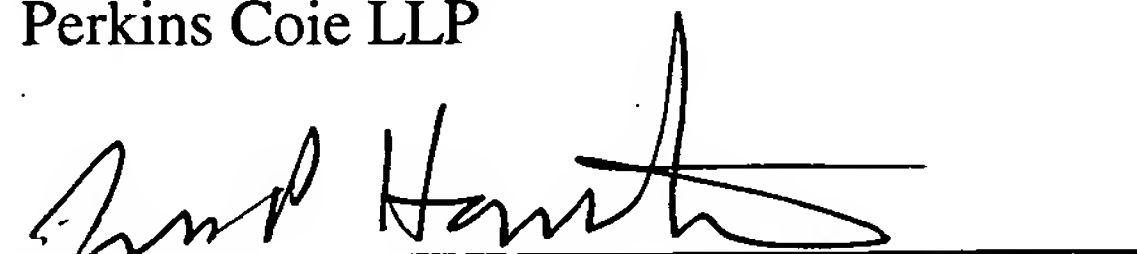
Support for new claims 49 is found at page 14 of the specification.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application in view of this preliminary amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or matters that can be expediently handled by telephone, he or she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 788-9900.

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